



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES (OVS)**

FORMATION

- Established on June 4, 2004 by Mayoral Executive Order
- Housed in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice
- Purpose: To build a successful infrastructure for comprehensive crime victim services.

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OVS PURPOSE

PRIORITY AREAS

- CAPACITY BUILDING
- TRAINING
- OUTREACH AND EDUCATION
- LEGISLATION

Coordinating Victim Services

Priority Area: Capacity Building

Increase the Amount of Shelter and Transitional Bed Space for Victims of Violent Crime.

- *Shelter Initiative*

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Priority Area: Capacity Building

Provide a Core Level of Funding for the Expansion of Services to Victims.

- VOCA-Crime Victim Assistance Grants*
- STOP-Office of Violence Against Women Formula Grants*
- VAF-Victim Assistance Fund Increased Services Grants*

Eligibility

■ Criteria for VOCA

- Nonprofit and public organizations
- Direct services to crime victims

■ Criteria for VAWA

- Law enforcement
- Prosecution
- Courts
- Victim Services

Eligibility

■ Criteria for VAF Increased Services

- Nonprofit and public organizations
- Direct services to crime victims

■ Areas of Focus

- Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Homicide Survivors, Robbery/Assault, and Stalking

Current Requests for Proposals

- Due May 26, 2006
- Go online to Funding Alerts for Specific Guidelines on Eligibility at the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development Website
- http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1318,q,587660,opgdNav_GID,1658.asp

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Priority Area: Capacity Building

Model and/or Pilot Projects That Serve Victims of Violent Crime.

- Domestic Violence Model Project*
- *Sexual Assault Model Project*
- Homicide Services Coordination Project*
- Services to Child Victims Model Project*

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Priority Area: Capacity Building

Develop and Implement a Victim Service Center and/or Consolidate Services Model That Best Serves The District.

- *Victim Service Center*

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Priority Area: Training

Develop Training Materials and Institutionalize Training Efforts to Ensure All Personnel Who Serve Victims Are Adequately Prepared

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Priority Area: Outreach and Education

Expand Education Efforts to the Community on Crime Victim Issues.

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Priority Area: Legislation

Develop a Comprehensive Legislative Agenda for Best Meeting the Needs of Crime Victims in the District.



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